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By Mr. Patrick Gilbert Sullivan of Boston, petition of Francis E. Kelly that members of the commission of the Department of Public Utilities be elected by the voters of the Commonwealth. State Administration.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-Nine.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ELECTION BY POPULAR VOTE  
OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION OF THE DEPARTMENT  
OF PUBLIC UTILITIES.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Chapter twenty-five of the General  
2 Laws is hereby amended by striking out section two  
3 and inserting in place thereof the following:—

4 *Section 2.* The department shall be under the  
5 supervision and control of a commission of five  
6 members, in this chapter called the commission, the  
7 chairman of said commission shall receive an annual  
8 salary of eight thousand dollars and the four remain-  
9 ing members of said commission shall receive an  
10 annual salary of seven thousand dollars. At the  
11 state election in nineteen hundred and forty there  
12 shall be elected at large five persons to serve as mem-  
13 bers of the commission. The two receiving the highest

14 number of votes shall serve for terms of four years  
15 from the first Wednesday of January following their  
16 election and the other three shall serve for terms of  
17 two years from said first Wednesday of January;  
18 and at each state election thereafter the successors  
19 to the members whose terms expire on the following  
20 first Wednesday of January shall be elected at large  
21 for terms of four years from said first Wednesday of  
22 January. If any member of the commission dies or  
23 resigns the governor shall appoint his successor to  
24 serve for the balance of his unexpired term.

1 SECTION 2. On the first Wednesday of January,  
2 nineteen hundred and forty-one, the terms of the  
3 members of the commission of public utilities then in  
4 office shall expire.